

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A cover device~~ Device for connecting a first component (5) to a second component (12) in a positively locking but detachable fashion, and for sealing a joint region between the first component (5) and a third component (4) which is connected to the second component (12), characterized in that an elastic element (6) is provided which has for a dividing element, in particular a sliding door, comprising a cover panel that can be connected to a profiled element, which holds a door panel and which comprises an upper and lower securing element at least on one side, wherein the cover panel comprises a connecting element on the upper side that corresponds to the upper securing element of the profiled element and a securing rib on the lower side that is holding an elastic element which comprises a body with a) — a groove (61) a groove for receiving a the securing rib (52) which is provided on the first component (5), of the cover panel and b) — a latching element (62) a latching element that can be latched to and released from the lower securing element of the profiled element, which can be connected in a positively locking fashion to the second component (12) by means of pressure force, and which body is undetachably connected to e) — a sealing lip (63) a sealing lip which presses against the third component (4) door panel after the latching element (62) element latches in.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the elastic element with the body and the sealing lip is made from a commonly extruded material. the elastic element (6) is fabricated from one piece, or in that the sealing lip (63) is connected by means of an adhesive or welded to the rest of the body (66) of the elastic element (6).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2 characterized in that wherein the sealing lip (63) lip is configured so as to be more flexible than the rest of the body (66) body of the elastic element (6) element. which is provided with the groove (61) and the latching element (62), with the result that the first and second components (5, 12) are held in a stable fashion after the mutual, positively locking connection, and the sealing lip (63) is deformed as a result of pressing against the third component (4).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to Claim 3, characterized in that wherein the elasticity of the sealing lip (63) lip and of the rest of the body (66) body of the elastic element (6) element is brought about by the selection of material or by the shaping shaping.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to Claim 4, characterized in that wherein the sealing lip (63) lip has a hardness of less than 50 Sh_A, Shore A preferably approximately 10 Sh_A to 30 Sh_A, and the other components body of the elastic element (6) have element has a hardness of greater than 50 Sh_A, preferably approximately 70 Sh_A to 90 Sh_A, 50 Shore A.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to Claim 5, characterized in that wherein at least one of the body (66) body and the sealing lip of the elastic element and/or lip (63) are is fabricated from soft rubber, elastomers, natural rubber, and the sealing lip (63) lip is fabricated in particular from cellular rubber.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the latching element (62) can be pressed into the body (66) body of the elastic element (6) element is compressible.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ The cover device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, characterized in that wherein the body (66) body of the elastic element (6) element has a

compression ~~groove (64)~~ groove which runs in the axial direction and which is deformed as soon as the pressure force acts on the latching ~~element (62)~~ element.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Cover~~ The cover device having a connecting device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first component (5) has a cover panel, the second component (12) is a profiled component which is to be covered by the first component (5) and profiled element is composed, if appropriate, of two composed of one or more pieces (1, 2), and the third component (4) is a panel, in particular a panel of glass which is held at least on one side by means of the second component (1, 2) pieces.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Cover~~ The cover device according to ~~Claim 10, Claim 1,~~ characterized in that wherein the profiled component (12) which is connected to the glass panel (4) has, on one or both sides, in each case sides two securing elements (15, 16) elements which are preferably arranged on its upper edge and lower edge and to which the second connecting means (51) and the latching element (62) which is provided on the elastic element (6) can be connected in a positively locking fashion edge.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Dividing~~ A dividing element, in particular a sliding door, having a profiled component (12) which has the purpose of securing a panel (4) in particular a glass panel and which is covered by means of a cover device according to claim 9, in such a manner that the joint region between a cover panel of the cover device and the panel (4) is covered in a sealed fashion comprising the cover device according to claim 1.

13. (New) The cover device according to claim 1, wherein the sealing lip and the body of the elastic element are fabricated separately and subsequently connected together.

14. (New) The cover device according to claim 3, wherein the elasticity of the sealing lip and the body of the elastic element is brought about by using a material for the

sealing lip that has a lower hardness than the material that is used for the body of the elastic element.